

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
THE JOINT INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE AUTHORITY

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE PROPOSED NEW TOLL RATES
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN • SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Joint International Bridge Authority are holding three public hearings on the International Bridge Proposed New Toll Rates. The hearings are scheduled for:

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO, on Tuesday, November 28, 2006, at 7 p.m.
in the Holiday Inn, 208 St. Mary's River Dr.
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN, on Wednesday, November 29, 2006, at
7 p.m. in the Ramada Plaza Hotel-Ojibway, 240 West Portage Ave., and
EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN, on Thursday, November 30, 2006, at 3:00 p.m.
in the MDOT Transportation Service Center, 1019 Trowbridge Rd.

The following rates are being proposed to take effect on April 1, 2007:

Bridge Toll Class	U.S. Currency		Canadian Currency Toll	
	<i>current</i>	<i>proposed</i>	<i>current</i>	<i>proposed*</i>
Class #1: Passenger car or truck, van, motorcycle	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$1.70	\$2.25
Class #2: Class 1 vehicle with 1 axle trailer	\$2.50	\$3.00	\$2.80	\$3.40
Class #3: Class 1 vehicle with 2 axle trailer	\$3.50	\$4.00	\$3.95	\$4.50
Class #29:Frequent User Card - Class 1 vehicle only (see note 1 and note 2)	\$16.00	\$16.80	\$18.20	\$19.20
Class #12: Recreational vehicle (\$2.00/axle proposed) (see note 3)	\$1.50	\$4.00	\$1.70	\$4.50
Class #11: Buses (\$3.00/axle proposed)	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$5.65	\$6.80
NON-PASSENGER VEHICLES:				
Class #5: Vehicle with 2 axles	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$5.65	\$6.80
Class #7: Vehicle with 3 axles	\$6.50	\$9.00	\$7.35	\$10.15
Class #8: Vehicle with 4 axles	\$9.00	\$12.00	\$10.15	\$13.55
Class #9: Vehicle with 5 axles	\$12.50	\$15.00	\$14.10	\$16.90
Class #16: Vehicle with 6 axles	\$16.00	\$18.00	\$18.05	\$20.30
Class #17: Vehicle with 7 axles	\$19.50	\$21.00	\$22.00	\$23.70
Class #18: Vehicle with 8 axles	\$23.00	\$24.00	\$25.95	\$27.10
Class #19: Vehicle with 9 axles	\$23.00	\$27.00	\$25.95	\$30.50
Class #20: Vehicle with 10 axles	\$23.00	\$30.00	\$25.95	\$33.85
Class #21: Vehicle with 11 or more axles (\$3/per axle)	\$23.00	\$33.00	\$25.95	\$37.25

**Proposed toll rate is based on currency equity factor of 1.1282, which is based on the six month average currency exchange rate for the March-August, 2006.*

The proposed toll rate will be calculated in accordance with the Joint Operating Agreement for the bridge and may differ from that listed if six month average currency exchange rate for the period September 2006 through February 2007, differ appreciably from that of March – August 2006. Additionally, commercial toll classification would be expanded to include per axle charges for 9, 10, and 11 axle configurations that currently are classified at an 8 axle configuration rate.

Note 1: Current rate is per 20 trip increment of purchase. Proposed rate is per 12 trip increment of purchase. Class 1 passenger vehicles utilized for taxi, complimentary shuttle and equivalent services, do not qualify for bridge IQ card usage, but do continue to qualify for a commercial debit account.

Note 2: All passenger type vehicles that have a legal occupancy capacity of greater than eight (8) people will be classified as a bus.

Note 3: New classification of a recreational vehicle (RV) will be added to the toll rate schedule.

The hearings, as mandated in Article 18, Section 301 of Public Act 345 of 2006, will be held in accordance with MDOT Public Involvement/Public Hearings Procedures. The same information will be presented at each hearing. Written statements, faxes, and e-mails in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the public hearing may be submitted to: Robert H. Parsons, Public Involvement and Hearings Officer, Bureau of Transportation Planning, Michigan Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 30050, Lansing, MI 48909, or e-mail at parsonsb@michigan.gov Fax (517) 373-9255. All written comments should be postmarked on or before December 14, 2006.

Information on the proposed toll rates is available for public review at the Joint International Bridge Authority office at 934 Bridge Plaza in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Telephone (906) 635-5255; through MDOT's Public Involvement and Hearings Officer, Robert H. Parsons, at the above address; or on the Web at www.michigan.gov/iba. The hearing locations meet ADA accessibility requirements. With an advance notice of seven days, MDOT can make most of the materials for this hearing available in alternative formats such as large print or audiotape as well as accommodations for sign language interpreter and/or assisted listening devices. Please call (517) 373-9534 to request accommodations.